Amendments to the specification:

On page 1, after the title but before the first paragraph, please insert the following:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a 371 filing of PCT International application no. PCT/FR2003/003675 filed December 11, 2003 and published in French as WO 2004/055210 A1 on July 1, 2004 which claims priority of French application no. FR 02.15718 filed December 12, 2002, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

After the paragraph entitled "<u>CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED</u> <u>APPLICATIONS</u>," insert the following paragraph:

REFERENCE TO SEQUENCE LISTING

This application includes a "Sequence Listing" provided in paper and computer readable form, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

On a separate page, page 32, please insert the following abstract: